

Support for HB 5226, Facilitating Widespread Installation of EV Charging Stations

To: Members of the Environment & Technology Committee

Just recently, the Federal government began an effort to discourage automakers from continuing to improve vehicle fuel efficiency. Connecticut can counteract this, in part, with policies that encourage widespread enthusiasm for and ownership of clean-running electric vehicles. I write to support HB 5226, because it encourages consumers to make environmentally sound choices when buying a vehicle—and leads by example with a sensible initiative in state government.

To that I end, I write in wholehearted support for HB 5226, “An Act Concerning Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.” This legislation provides a framework for increasing the availability of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by setting parameters for their installation, ownership and maintenance in condominiums and other types of multi-unit residences.

With clarity about how these stations can be installed and who owns them, more Connecticut residents can consider buying an electric vehicle—accelerating a transition that will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also improve air quality and, therefore, public health.

This legislation places no additional burden on CT taxpayers or the owners of the properties that will now benefit from a clear path to EV ownership. Please advance this bill for consideration by the full legislature.

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